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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM : David D. Gries
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SUBJECT : Proposal for DEA to Employ Retired CIA Reports Officers

1. As you know, for many years CIA has urged DEA to share intelligence information with the rest of the Intelligence Community. DEA has demurred for a variety of reasons: CIA wanted to steal DEA information; CIA would get the credit for information produced by DEA; the Intelligence Community would misuse DEA information; resource short, DEA could not afford to process information for Community dissemination.

2. Through the fall [redacted] (IC Staff) and I have worked to persuade DEA that dissemination of their information is in their interest: they would get the credit, look good, protect their secrets, and not have to spend much.

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3. DEA has now agreed to give it a try. Bud Mullen has given our proposal his support and Gary Liming, his intelligence chief, appears convinced. We have identified two retired CIA reports officers (and are looking for two more) whom DEA can itself hire under contract, provided of course that they are satisfied with their records. These officers will set up a reports system which DEA will run itself.

4. This is a fragile agreement and could fall apart. There is still resistance at DEA. A telephone call from you to Bud Mullen expressing appreciation for his support for our proposal would be very helpful.


David D. Gries

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